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Carlsbad Caverns News Release

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Carlsbad Caverns Celebrates National Park Week

From Sunday, April 17 through Saturday, April 23, Carlsbad Caverns National Park will join national park units across the country in celebrating National Park Week with a variety of special walks, talks and demonstrations.

This year's schedule of programs includes *Tall Tales of a Big Room*, *Leap'n Lizards*, *Rattlesnake Riddles*, *Caves of the National Park Service*, *Bees of Carlsbad Caverns National Park*, *Early Exploration of Lechuguilla Cave*, *Oil Water and Bugs*, *Carlsbad Caverns First 100 Years*, *Gateway to Darkness*, and *Wild Caves of the Guadalupe Mountains*. A desert plant walk, a vertical caving demonstration, and talks on bat research, Barbary sheep, the Mescalero Apaches, history of the National Park Service, World Heritage Sites and Volunteers- in- Parks are also scheduled.

The first National Park Week was in 1991 when President H.W. Bush proclaimed it to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the National Park Service. This "one- time" event has become an annual event celebrated in parks around the country.

For more information about National Park Week and Carlsbad Caverns' scheduled activities, contact park ranger Jason Richards at 505.785.3144 or public affairs specialist Bridget Litten at 505.785.3024.

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National Park Week Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00		Gateway to Darkness, a Walk to Both Entrances Rob Lorenz	History of the NPS Eric Grunwald	Carlsbad Caverns' First 100 Years Larry Hatchett			
10:00	Brief History of the National Park Service Ted Firkins	Tall Tales and a Big Room Kathryn Cassingham	Climbing Demo Tom Bemis	Caves of the National Park Service Paula Bauer		Bees of Carlsbad Caverns National Park Ren e West	
11:00		Oil, Water and Bugs Paul Burger	Leap'n Lizards Jason Richards	Climbing Demo Tom Bemis	Leap'n Lizards Jason Richards	Gateway to Darkness, a Walk to Both Entrances Rob Lorenz	Leap'n Lizards Jason Richards
1:00	Rattlesnake Riddles Dave Thomas		World Heritage Sites Noelle Theris	Barbary Sheep, Kelly Furhmann	Early Exploration of Lechuguilla Paul Burger		Mescalero Apache JoAnn Garcia
2:00			Volunteers in Parks Mike Oakley			Rattlesnake Riddles Dave Thomas	
3:00	Desert Plant Walk Emily Bennett						